

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ans*

DATE: January 17, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP
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The New York Office by airtel 1-13-61 advised that captioned organization had sent out a mimeographed letter dated 1-13-61 captioned "Now Is The Time to Exercise Our Democracy." This letter stated that the new administration must shortly undertake a major responsibility for the peace of the world; that President-elect Kennedy has selected three men for leadership in this regard, namely, Dean Rusk as Secretary of State, Paul H. Nitze as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and John J. McCloy as Director of the U. S. Disarmament Administration; and called upon the recipient of the letter to send telegrams or letters to each of the three men calling for the establishment of a policy to achieve peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union, the formulation of new proposals to bring about comprehensive and total disarmament, with inspection, and the conducting of negotiations to bring about the settlement of the remaining issues aimed at agreement on a permanent ban on all nuclear explosions. It was requested that the recipient send the letters or telegrams to these three men to reach Washington, D. C., on or before Inaugural Day.

Captioned organization has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and is under active investigation as a communist front group.

It is felt that the details of captioned organization's letter should be made available to the three men and a memorandum has been prepared incorporating this information.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letters to Mr. Dean Rusk, Mr. Paul H. Nitze and Mr. John J. McCloy enclosing a copy of this memorandum to each, be approved and transmitted. (Per Mr. Tolson's instructions, we are only sending the letter to Mr. Rusk.)

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP *COMP # 315598-01*

A source who is in a position to furnish reliable information furnished a copy of a mimeographed letter on the stationery of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) dated January 13, 1961. This letter is captioned "Now Is The Time to Exercise Our Democracy." The letter is as follows:

"A new Administration must shortly undertake a major responsibility for the peace of the world. President-elect Kennedy has selected three men for leadership in this area. They are Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; John J. McCloy, Director of the U. S. Disarmament Administration.

"These men should know your strong convictions on the issues as they begin work, expressed in your own way (not in any formulation we may provide). We offer suggestions, however, for a

"TELEGRAM OR LETTER TO EACH MAN

(To reach Washington, D. C. on or before Inaugural Day, Address each with full title.)

"Mr. Rusk: Since American-Soviet relations remain the key to world peace, urge priority for the consideration of how to improve these relations. With help of his Chief, the President of the U.S., and associates, let there be established rapidly a policy that promises to settle differences by negotiation with honor to both sides; to achieve peaceful co-existence and bring about cooperation in safeguarding world peace. Let exploratory conversations be started at once and, then, diplomatic negotiations at top level, with all reasonable speed.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See cover letter to Dean Rusk, ~~XXXXXX~~ dated 1-19-61, RJR:skw.

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"Mr. Nitze: Mr. Kennedy has given Mr. Nitze instructions to develop new disarmament plans and proposals. Powerful forces wish us to abandon all efforts to end the arms race. Urge upon Mr. Nitze the formulation of new proposals to bring about comprehensive, total disarmament, stage by stage, with inspection. Arms control is not enough, nor limitation of arms. Call for disarmament proposals in which the first stage becomes effective (with necessary enforcement assurances) within one year. Submit new proposals to U.N. General Assembly in March.

"Mr. McCloy: Indicate your knowledge that three-power negotiations (U.S.-Britain-S.U.) aimed at agreement on a permanent ban on all nuclear explosions, now in recess, are to resume on February 7. That Mr. McCloy will be U.S. negotiator. Appeal to him, with support of his Chief, to conduct negotiations resolutely and persistently, applying reasonable flexibility, to bring about settlement of remaining issues (on a draft treaty upon which major agreements have been reached in two years of negotiation.)

"You say these suggestions are extremely moderate in tone? Yes, they are. You can turn on heat if you think it wise. We think at this point it is good to speak positively, to assure these men of support if they pursue the course recommended and of your determination to mobilize support among your neighbors.

"Get your neighbors to send their own telegrams and letters. Write to editor of local newspaper asking space in letter column. Outline briefly your three communications to the above men and appeal to readers to take similar action for peace. Will you send us copies of your communications for our private information?"

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